

**COUNCIL SUMMARY BACKGROUND BRIEF:
PUGET SOUND REGIONAL COUNCIL (PSRC)**

GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICY BOARD (GMPB)

Summary of November 7 meeting:

- **The GMPB discussed the draft Regional Centers Monitoring Report.** The draft report includes data on how the region's 27 designated growth centers and eight manufacturing/industrial centers are performing in accommodating population, employment, and housing growth. The report also includes information on physical and social characteristics of the centers, review of center planning, and research on centers programs in peer regions. Throughout the fall, policy board members will review and discuss the report's findings and ultimately act on the report recommendations in early 2014.
- **The GMPB discussed efforts to help cities and counties plan for affordable housing needs.** Arthur Sullivan from A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH) discussed the current and future need for affordable housing at a variety of income levels, providing examples of recent regional and subregional efforts to foster coordination on planning and production of affordable housing at the local level.
- **The GMPB heard an update on the Growing Transit Communities partnership.** The board was briefed on the current status of the Growing Transit Communities partnership work, and discussed moving forward on actions by PSRC that will help implement the Growing Transit Communities strategy, including development of a two-year housing work plan for PSRC.
- **In other business, the GMPB:**
 - Recommended that the Executive Board grant an extension of conditional certification of the comprehensive plan for the City of Bonney Lake.
 - Recommended that the Executive Board certify the comprehensive plans for the cities of Des Moines, North Bend, and Renton.
 - Received information on a stormwater technical assistance effort, Regional Alliances, from the Washington State Department of Commerce. This work will focus on innovative planning approaches to address stormwater management in urban centers.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD (TPB)

Summary of November 14 meeting:

- **The TPB recommended approval of a list of 16 projects for \$17 million in Transportation Alternatives Program funding.** The Transportation Alternatives Program is a new funding source from the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21), which focuses on non-traditional transportation projects like bicycle and pedestrian improvements and environmental mitigation or historic preservation projects related to

transportation. The 16 projects were recommended for funding by an ad hoc citizen advisory committee appointed by the Transportation Policy Board. The Executive Board is expected to act on the recommendation on December 5.

- **The TPB discussed the financial strategy for the Transportation 2040 Update.** Transportation 2040 must have a “fiscally constrained financial strategy,” referred to as the constrained part of the plan. Current estimated costs of the constrained plan exceed expected revenues by \$2.4 billion. The board is seeking to balance the financial strategy to make up this difference. The board also had questions about the project lists and requested further information on projects and revenues. This information will be brought back to the board in December.
- **The TPB discussed the Transit Oriented Development Property Acquisition Fund.** The Growing Transit Communities work program includes support for the development of a fund to provide revolving capital to affordable-housing developers to secure properties in rapidly appreciating markets around transit stations for new development and preservation of workforce, low-, and very-low income housing units and complementary community facilities. Work on this effort is currently focused on capital and business plan development by Enterprise Community Partners.

In other business, the TPB:

- Recommended certification of the Comprehensive Plans for the cities of Des Moines, North Bend and Renton, as well as granting an extension of the conditional certification of Bonney Lake's Comprehensive Plan.
- Received presentations on the I-5/Joint Base Lewis-McChord Vicinity Interchange Justification Report Phase 1 Results and Sound Transit's Long-Range Plan Update.
- Received a report on the centers evaluation work.